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**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 99V-029 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: February 3, 1999

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company

Manufacturer Contact: Mr. L. W. Camp, Director, Automotive Safety Office

FAX: (313) 594-2268

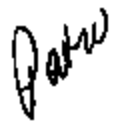
SUBJECT: 757,000 Ford 1992-1997 Ford Aerostar mini vans manufactured from August 12, 1991 through August 22, 1997. These vehicles were produced with a higher than specified electrical load through the accessory power feed circuit that connects to the A2 (accessory) terminal within the ignition switch. As a result, during start-up, electrical arcing of the A2 terminal to the terminal bridge could potentially cause pitting of the bridge. This condition, over time, could create a short circuit and allow current to flow through the ground wiring causing overheating and the potential for a vehicle fire. Ford Safety Recall No. 99S02.

This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

While conducting a Preliminary Evaluation, EA98-016, this problem was noted.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin March 15, 1999. Since this is so close to the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by July 30, 1999.

If you have any questions, please call:

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Dear Mr. Camp:

After review of the file concerning this recall, it appears that an acknowledgment letter was never sent to you. Please accept our apologies for this oversight.

We have reviewed Ford Motor Company's (Ford) Defect Information Report dated February 3, and subsequent information dated March 31, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 757,000 Ford 1992 through 1997 Ford Aerostar mini vans manufactured from August 12, 1991 through August 22, 1997. These vehicles were produced with a higher than specified electrical load through the accessory power feed circuit that connects to the A2 (accessory) terminal within the ignition switch. As a result, during start-up, electrical arcing of the A2 terminal to the terminal bridge could potentially cause pitting of the bridge. This condition, over time, could create a short circuit and allow current to flow through the ground wiring causing overheating and the potential for a vehicle fire. The assigned identification number for this recall is 99V-029 (Ford Recall No. 99S02).

This recall was the subject of an Engineering Analysis, EA98-016, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or by fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

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Jonathan D. White, Chief
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